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PARIS FOR UNESCO

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SUBJ: NEW AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS

1. THERE NEW GOI AMBASSADORS WERE PRESENTED TO SHAH AUG. 23--
AHMAD HUSHANG SHARIFI AS AMB. TO UNESCO; JAVAD VAFA AS AMB.
TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY; AND KAZEM SHIVA AS AMB. TO ALGERIA.

2. SHARIFI (NAME IS SOMETIMES HYPHENATED AND FILED UNDER
HUSHANG) SERVED MOST RECENTLY AS CHANCELLOR TO TEHRAN
UNIVERSITY. BORN IN 1925, HE HOLDS A PH.D. IN LAW FROM
UNIVERSITY PARIS. EARLY IN HIS CAREER, HE WORKED IN
IRANIAN DELEGATION TO UNESCO AND IN IRANIAN EMBASSY, PARIS.
IN 1957 HE JOINED STAFF OF TEHRAN UNIVERSITY AS FRENCH LANGUAGE
TRANSLATOR. HE BECAME FINANCE TEACHER THE FOLLOWING YEAR,
LECTURER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IN 1960, AND PROFESSOR OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE IN 1966. APPOINTED FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
ADVISOR TO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN 1964, HE BECAME UNDER
SECRETARY LATER THAT YEAR. IN 1968 HE BECAME PRINCIPAL OF
TEACHER'S TRAINING COLLEGE, TEHRAN. HE HAS RETURNED TO
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UNESCO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AS MEMBER OF
IRANIAN DELEGATION. SHARIFI SERVED AS CHANCELLOR OF
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, TEHRAN 1973-74, AND AS MINISTER OF
EDUCATION FROM APRIL 1974 TO NOVEMBER 1976, WHEN HE BECAME
CHANCELLOR OF TEHRAN UNIVERSITY. HE IS DESCRIBED AS A
WEAK ADMINISTRATOR WHO DELEGATES AUTHORITY BUT DOES NOT
FOLLOW UP. FLUENT IN FRENCH, SHARIFI ALSO UNDERSTANDS

ENGLISH FAIRLY WELL, BUT SPEAKS VERY LITTLE. HE HAS PUBLISHED BOOKS IN PERSIAN AND FRENCH ON LAW, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS.

3. VAFA HAS SERVED SINCE AUG. 1974 AS VICE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE. BORN ABOUT 1922 HE RECEIVED HIS HIGHER EDUCATION AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING MA IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PH.D. IN EDUCATION. WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES, HE HELPED FOUND IRANIAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION. RETURNING TO IRAN IN 1957, VAFA USED HIS WIFE'S FAMILY CONNECTIONS TO BECOME IMMEDIATELY CHIEF EDITOR OF TEHRAN JOURNAL. IN 1960 HE JOINED THE PLAN ORGANIZATION AS CHIEF OF MANPOWER UTILIZATION. TWO YEARS LATER, HE BECAME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROJECTS AND PLANNING BUREAU. SUBSEQUENT POSTS HAVE FEATURED ECONOMIC PLANNING AND RESEARCH, UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT IN QOUR AS VICE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. LONG ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED STATES, VAFA SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH IN ADDITION TO FRENCH. EMB. RELATIONS WITH JAFSA HAVE NOT BEEN WHOLLY POSITIVE, AS HE HAS REPUTATION FOR STONEWALLING ON ISSUES AND BEING UNRESPONSIVE. GOI HAS NEVER GIVEN VAFA RESPONSIBLE POSITION THAT HIS EXPERIENCE WOULD SEEM TO JUSTIFY, APPARENTLY SHARING EMB. VIEW THAT HE IS SHORT OF FIRST RATE.

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4. SHIVA HOLDS A PH.D. IN LAW FROM TEHRA UNIVERSITY. A CAREER DIPLOMAT, HE HAS SERVED IN PARIS AND NEW DELHI IN ADDITION TO MFA. EMB. HAS FOUND HIM TO BE MODERATELY USEFUL BUT HE IS INCLINED TO KEEP TO GENERALITIES AND AVOID DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE. HE HAS MOST RECENTLY BEEN HEAD OF MFA'S FIFTH POLITICAL DIVISION, WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TURKEY, CYPRUS AND THE SOUTH ASIAN SUBCONTINENT. SULLIVAN

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